

FOREWORD

To Virginia Public Library Trustees:

The Library of Virginia recognizes the important role that public library trustees play in the development and improvement of library service in the commonwealth. More than 750 Virginians serve on the boards of our public libraries. Your commitment to providing access to high-quality library services for every Virginia resident is greatly valued.

Dramatic change has marked the years since *The Virginia Public Library Trustee Handbook* was published in 1991. New programs, amended laws, and advances in technology continue to affect the role of the public library and thus impact the trustee's responsibilities. *The Handbook* was written and compiled to help public library trustees carry out their responsibilities. It has been completely reviewed and updated (and in some cases newly written) to reflect changes since the last edition.

It is my hope that this *Handbook* will be helpful to you in order to understand better the important roles and responsibilities of public library trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nolan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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